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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: )  
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Monica Patel et al. )  
) Group Art Unit:  
Serial No.: )  
) Examiner:  
Filed: )  
) Attorney Docket: 91436-139  
)  
For: TELEPHONE NETWORK )  
MANAGEMENT METHOD AND )  
DEVICES )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend this application as follows:

**In the Specification**

✓ On page 4, line 34, replace "Figs. 6A-6G" with --Figs. 6A to 6F--.

✓ On page 5, line 1, replace "DMS" with --switch--.

**In the Claims**

✓ Renumber the second occurrence of claim 16, beginning on page 27, to claim 17.

**Remarks**

The above amendments are provided to correct minor clerical errors.

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